

# FIGHTER KITE GAMES

## AMERICAN FIGHTER KITE GAMES

American fighter kite games do not allow any cutting line or any cutting devices. There is no intentional damage to kites or to flying line as part of any American fighter kite game.

## SOLO GAMES

For many flyers, playing games with American fighter kites increases the fun of flying them. Whether you play games while flying solo or with other flyers doesn't matter, it's trying to overcome the challenge identified in the game that creates the fun.

Games can be as simple this example; you are flying by yourself, solo, in the park, you see a tree about 100 feet downwind of where you are flying. You say to yourself, it would be cool if I could 'paste' my kite to the trunk of that tree. Pasting your kite is to position it so when the flying line is slack, the wind holds your kite in place on the trunk of that tree or on any other 'pasting target' you choose such as a fence, sign, building, basketball backboard, etc.

## CASUAL GAMES

Many games are created and played with American fighter kites when two or more flyers gather to fly together. These are very casual games. The games are usually competitive in nature, but only in a casual friendly way, no points are recorded and no wins recorded; it's just for fun. Among these games are variations of some of the highly competitive games along with new games created on the spot by the flyers themselves.

An example of a casual 'on the spot' game would be something like this; you and a friend are flying together in a park, you and your friend decide that whoever is first to land or crash their kite on the ground within 20' of the base of a particular tree is the winner.....fun, simple and more challenging than you may expect....

## COMPETITIVE GAMES

There are many different competitive games that can be played with American fighter kites. **None** of the games involve intentional damage to the kite or cutting of the flying line. Like all competitive events there are rules for the games. Some are published such as Line Touch rules and others are created or announced at the time of the competition.

Currently, there are five categories of fighter kite games:

- A. Games that focus on skillful flying and you are working against the clock; these are typically named 'Precision or Skills' games.
- B. Games that are 'head to head' or 'one on one' where one flyer wins the point or match, the other wins nothing; 'Line Touch' is the most popular game of this type.
- C. Games where more than two flyers are simultaneously flying and competing, either for points or against the clock for the shortest time.
- D. Games where the flyer(s) are creating a kite ballet to music. This is usually judged by audience applause or judges.
- E. Games where teams compete against each other in a number of different ways.

One of the great aspects of American fighter kite flying is that you and a flyer friend can make up any rules that create a game. That's how new games are often created. Just think of some fun rules and give it a go....

## **TRADITIONAL FIGHTER KITE GAMES**

### **The game of MANJHA (glass coated cutting line)**

Manjha is the most popular game in most of the world.

The object of the manjha game is to cut the opponent's flying line with your own line and free their kite. Your opponent is also flying with manjha and is trying to cut your line at the same time you are trying to cut theirs. This game is played 'one-on-one' and also with many flyers simultaneously flying and trying to cut each other out of the sky; last kite flying wins!

When flying with manjha, you typically fly inexpensive kites made of paper and bamboo; biodegradable kites, they typically have a short life once in the air. The kites are typically made in India or Indonesia and range in price from \$1.50 to \$3.00 each. You can purchase them as well as the manjha cutting line from [www.one-world-trading.com](http://www.one-world-trading.com).